(b) whether Government propose to initiate immediately commercial exploitation of these nicotine-based pesticides resulting in phasing out of dangerous chemical pesticides; and

(c) whether Government also propose to popularise the concept of safe use of pesticides through TV/Radio instead of promoting chemical pesticides as is happening on Krishi Darshan T. V. Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry has developed a new technology for processing of nicotine sulphate from tobacco waste using ion exchange resins. Nicotine based posticides thus developed are effective against soft bodies pests like aphids, white flies and leafhoppers.

(b) Nicotine based pesticides have limited scope as they are effective against only soft bodied/pests. Hence, they can not be considered as a replacement for other pesticides.

(c) Besides chemical pesticides, the concept of safe use of pesticides also is proposed to be popularised through TV/Radio.

Workshop on safe and judicious use of pesticides

1772. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the National Workshop held recently in March, 1991 in Delhi on Safe and Judicious use of Pesticides organised by Ministry of Agriculutre; if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government have initiated any process to set up a Standing Committee as recommended by the workshop;

(c) whether Government propose to involve the National Pesticides Action Committee convened by Voluntary Health Association of India in the process of drafting out action plans for the country; and

(d) whether Government would declare next year as the year for judicious use of pesticides; if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Minisrty of Agriculture in collaboration with the pesticide Industries Association had organised a Workshop from 29—30th January, 1991 at Delhi. Some of the major recommendations which emerged out of the Workshop relate to giving better emphasis on need based and judicious use of pesticides, Integrated Pest Management, and biological Control of pests and diseases.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government do take into consideration the views and observations of non-Governmental organisations like Voluntary Health Association of India etc. while framing new policies and action plans.

(d) Since the Government are already implementing promotion of safe and judicious use of pesticides through adoption of Integrated Pest Management strategy, there is no need of specifically declaring any particular year for judicious use of pesticides.

Introduction of fast train between Delhi and Farrukhabad

1773. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a fast and convenient train between Delhi and Farrukhabad keeping in view the unduly long time taken by Kalindi Express to reach its destination;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Handling of problem of slums by non-Government Organisation

1774. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has requested non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) to handle the problem of ever, increasing slums;

(b) if so, whether any non-Governmental Organisation has shown interest in his regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the UNICEF has agreed to coordinate and provide funds for such projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Slum Wing of Delhi Development Authority has requested non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations/ Charitable Trusts to join hands with it for dealing with the acute problems of Jhuggi Jhompries in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The services of the Non-Governmental Organisations are being utilised for:—

(i) community mobilisation and formation of multipurpose cooperative societies of the squatter families located in different parts of Delhi with a view to bring them under the squatter resettlement programme; and upgradation programme;

(ii) Delivery of services under social services sector particularly in the field of informal educational health care, and for motivating the community for maintenance to some extent of the facilities provided in various schemes.

NGOs/Voluntary Organisations have been/ are being provided various forms of support by the Slum Wing to carry out the tasks assigned to them.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) UNICEF has released a sum of Rs. 30 lakhs to the Slum Wing to set up assistance programme for NGOs working in J. J. clusters.

Action against Officers Staff having assets disproportionate to their known sources of income

1775. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of officers and staff of CPWD, Directorate of Estates, Land and Development Office and MBRHP Engineers in New Delhi, whose assets are disproportionate to their known sources of income;

(b) the details of action taken against them;

(c) the details of the arrangements made for eradicating corruption in the offices/bodies under the Ministry;

(d) the results achieved by the anti-corruption mechanism in the above matters during the last three years, yearwise and during the current year, so far; and

(e) the steps taken to strengthen the anti-corruption mechanism in the above offices/bodies and to streamline their working and performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) At present there are three officers of the CPWD against whom action has been initiated for possessing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income.